

## **BASWG Meeting Minutes**

April 11, 2013

9:00 am – 11:30 am

Penobscot County Soil and Water Conservation District Office, Bangor, Maine

*Unanimously Accepted by BASWG Membership on 5-9-13*

**Attendees:** David L., Patrick Decker, Chris Brewer, LaMarr Clannon, Mike Farnham, Pearalie Burbank, Tracy Drew, Jeff Allen, William Murphy, Mike Gladu, Phil Ruck, John Rouleau, Mike Jellison, Andy Fish, John Cronin, Kathy Hoppe, Gene Weldon. Facilitator: Brenda Zollitsch.

### **Welcome**

Bob O. called the meeting to order. The members of the group introduced themselves.

### **Organizational Business**

- Phil made a motion to accept the minutes, which had been reviewed by Bob Osborne. Mike G. seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.
- On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Gretchen and Bob had a call with Pinnacle to discuss the legal separation of the two entities on the Stormwater Steward software. They are working on a few minor details.
- Jeff A. mentioned that the Maine Hackers Club, a group of technically advanced programmers sometimes take on projects for nonprofits. He suggests that the BASWG arrange for them to meet with the database committee members to point out opportunities and troubleshoot the software.
- Bangor Garden Show was a huge success. Location was superb, just inside the entrance to the show. Handed out more than 1,000 duckies, factsheets. Lots of opportunities for interaction.
- Brenda Z. circulated the reading that was read on behalf of the BASWG and herself at the celebration of life service for former BASWG Chair, Allan Thomas.

### **DIMS Process**

- The DIMS planning committee will meet on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Bangor DEP Office (with Kathy H. video conferencing in to the meeting) to discuss what tasks need to be completed, what can be done in-house and what needs to be outsourced, determine if there will be one or more RFPs for bidding, and develop a timeline for the DIMS process.

### **Suitability for Development Presentation**

- This project was designed to help people learn to talk about growth
- York has a new ordinance –LID will be considered. If not, have to explain why.
- Very different growth rates in the BUA. For example, 32 units/yr in Hampden; 3 units/yr in Brewer; 5 units/yr in Bangor; 20 units/yr. in Orono.
- May be a good idea to develop a LID ordinance now to address coming problems in a way that will avoid future expenses.

- Develop incentives where we want to see development happen; remove restrictions, etc.
- Encourage developers to stay under the thresholds to avoid additional requirements
- Tools to get people to think about development differently
- Encourage thinking about these issues when talk to municipal officials
- LaMarr available to do presentations, provide GIS, slides and reports to support this work.

#### **MS4 Permit Discussion**

- Public notice is being run in the paper this week. A copy of the NOI was included in the handouts for this meeting.
- Municipalities will need to post their notice of intent on their website within 30 days of filing their NOI.
- Comments on all three stormwater permits are due at DEP by 5 pm on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- New language in the permit regarding what a “disturbed area” is (now consistent with the construction general permit)
- Jeff A. asked what the difference is between “maintenance” and “new” – don’t consider putting hot top over gravel to be “new”, not changing the base, not changing the intent
- There is a new definition of “redevelopment”
- MGCGP is not looking like it will be issued before July 1, which causes a problem with language in the MS4 permit (references MGCP language). Communities would have to do ordinances. David L. will contact Phil R. with next steps on this.
- In MCM #2 for MTA and MDOT permits there is new language that requires better coordination with municipalities. Also relating to coordination with municipalities around dry weather inspections.
- BASWG will comment on the need for inclusion of coordinated IDDE, watershed inspection programs, and encouraging expedited MGCP approval. Jeff A., Phil R. and Mike G. will draft these formal comments, to be signed by Bob and sent to DEP.
- DEP will be conducting audits of Bangor (5/18/13) and Brewer, as well as South Portland and Berwick.

#### **Stream Clean-ups**

- Clean-up information is being posted on the BASWG.org website
- T-shirt support has been secured from ANG (\$500), CES (\$500), and Lane Construction (\$5000). Not sure at this time if Sewall will support as well (\$500?)
- The group voted to approve the purchase of 750 shirts with funding from the BASWG’s contingency fund. It is hoped that ANG will be able to cover the remaining portion with additional funds. Jeff A. made the motion, Phil seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.
- We have hundreds of new volunteers from church and business groups that will be taking part in streamside clean-ups on May 4<sup>th</sup> (in addition to other regularly scheduled stream clean-ups). Chris B. is supporting this work.

**BASWG Interviewed by Channel 8 (Fox)**

- During the meeting, a news anchor from Bangor's fox network arrived and filmed the group. He interviewed Brenda Z. about the upcoming stream clean-ups. The segment will air on television on the evening news this evening.

**Education and Outreach**

- Meeting attendees were asked to fill out a website content survey, asking them to indicate their priorities for the development of content for the BASWG website. Brenda developed a list of possible content types through review of a range of nonprofit and water-related websites. Members turned in their surveys by the end of the meeting, which the BASWG E&O Committee will review and take as recommendations for changes.
- Chris B. will come to the May meeting prepared to discuss the options for taking on more/all of the E&O responsibilities for individual MS4s.

**Next Meeting (May 9th):** The next BASWG meeting will be held at the Old Town City Hall in Old Town, Maine.

**Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.